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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon (Beech) Model MU-300-10, 400, 400A, and 400T Series Airplanes; and Raytheon (Mitsubishi) Model Beech MU-300 Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Raytheon (Beech) Model MU-300-10, 400, 400A, and 400T series airplanes; and Raytheon (Mitsubishi) Model Beech MU-300 airplanes. This proposal would require a one-time inspection of certain panels in the spoiler mixer bay for the presence of drain holes, and the addition of at least one new drain hole; and a one-time inspection for discrepancies of the sealant on the relief cutout on the aft pressure bulkhead, and on certain baffles; and corrective actions if necessary. This action is necessary to prevent the accumulation of fuel and/or fuel vapor in the spoiler mixer bay and/or the aft fuselage compartment, which could result in a fire in the airplane. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Comments must be received by [insert date 45 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**].

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003-NM-161-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may be submitted via fax to

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